

# Homework Solutions

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When  $E(X'u) \neq 0$ , the OLS can be written as:

$$\hat{\beta} = \beta + \left(\frac{1}{n}X'X\right)^{-1} \frac{1}{n}X'u \longrightarrow \beta + M_{xx}^{-1}M_{xu} \neq \beta$$

Where:

$$\frac{1}{n}X'X \longrightarrow M_{xx}, \quad \frac{1}{n}X'u \longrightarrow M_{xu} \neq 0$$

Which imply that  $\text{plim}\hat{\beta} \neq \beta$ . In such case OLS is inconsistent.

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$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\beta} &= \beta + (X'X)^{-1}X'u \\ \sqrt{n}(\hat{\beta} - \beta) &= \left(\frac{1}{n}X'X\right)^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}X'u\end{aligned}$$

We assume that

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x'_i x_i = \frac{1}{n} X'X \longrightarrow M_{xx}$$

Applying Central limit Theorem

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}X'u \longrightarrow N(0, \sigma^2 M_{xx})$$

Therefore:

$$\sqrt{n}(\hat{\beta} - \beta) = \left(\frac{1}{n}X'X\right)^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}X'u \longrightarrow N(0, \sigma^2 M_{xx}^{-1})$$

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Multiplying  $Z'$  on both sides of the regression model  $y = X\beta + u$ , we obtain:

$$Z'y = Z'X\beta + Z'u$$

The matrix  $Z$  is not correlated with  $u$ , we can get  $\frac{1}{n}Z'u \longrightarrow M_{zu} = 0$ .

Then, take plim on both sides.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{plim}\left(\frac{1}{n}Z'y\right) &= \text{plim}\left(\frac{1}{n}Z'X\right)\beta + \text{plim}\left(\frac{1}{n}Z'u\right) = \text{plim}\left(\frac{1}{n}Z'X\right)\beta \\ \beta &= \left(\text{plim}\left(\frac{1}{n}Z'X\right)\right)^{-1} \text{plim}\left(\frac{1}{n}Z'y\right)\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\tilde{\beta} = (Z'X)^{-1}Z'y$$

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$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\beta} &= (Z'X)^{-1}Z'y = (Z'X)^{-1}Z'(X\beta + u) = \beta + (Z'X)^{-1}Z'u \\ \sqrt{n}(\tilde{\beta} - \beta) &= \left(\frac{1}{n}Z'X\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}Z'u\right)\end{aligned}$$

We assume that

$$\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n z'_i x_i = \frac{1}{n}Z'X \longrightarrow M_{zx} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n z'_i z_i = \frac{1}{n}Z'Z \longrightarrow M_{zz}$$

Applying the Central limit Theorem

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}Z'u \longrightarrow N(0, \sigma^2 M_{zz})$$

Therefore:

$$\sqrt{n}(\tilde{\beta} - \beta) = \left(\frac{1}{n}Z'X\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}Z'u\right) \longrightarrow N(0, \sigma^2 M_{zx}^{-1} M_{zz} M_{zx}^{-1})$$

(5)

$H_0: X$  and  $u$  are independent.

$H_1: X$  and  $u$  are not independent.

$\hat{\beta}$  is consistent and efficient under  $H_0$ , but is not consistent under  $H_1$ . So, under  $H_0$ , we choose  $\hat{\beta}$ .  
 $\tilde{\beta}$  is consistent under  $H_0$  and  $H_1$ , but is not efficient under  $H_0$ . So, under  $H_1$ , we choose  $\tilde{\beta}$ .

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For simplicity, we assume that  $v_i + u_{it} \sim N(0, \Omega)$ ,

The likelihood function is

$$L(\beta, \sigma_u^2, \sigma_v^2) = (2\pi)^{-\frac{nT}{2}} |\Omega|^{-\frac{1}{2}} \times \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}(y - X\beta)' \Omega^{-1} (y - X\beta)\right\}$$

The log-likelihood function is

$$\log L(\beta, \sigma_u^2, \sigma_v^2) = -\frac{nT}{2} \log(2\pi) - \frac{1}{2} \log |\Omega| - \frac{1}{2} (y - X\beta)' \Omega^{-1} (y - X\beta)$$

The MLE of  $\beta$ , denoted by  $\tilde{\beta}$ , is

$$\tilde{\beta} = (X' \Omega^{-1} X)^{-1} X' \Omega^{-1} y$$

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We define that  $\bar{y}_i = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T y_{it}$ ,  $\bar{x}_i = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T x_{it}$ ,  $\bar{u}_i = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T u_{it}$ ,  $\tilde{y}_{it} = y_{it} - \bar{y}_i$ ,  $\tilde{x}_{it} = x_{it} -$

$\bar{x}_i$ ,  $\tilde{u}_{it} = u_{it} - \bar{u}_i$ .

By (1)-(2), we can get (3).

$$y_{it} = X_{it}\beta + v_i + u_{it} \quad (1)$$

$$\bar{y}_i = \bar{x}_i\beta + v_i + \bar{u}_i \quad (2)$$

$$y_{it} - \bar{y}_i = (x_{it} - \bar{x}_i)\beta + u_{it} - \bar{u}_i$$

$$\tilde{y}_{it} = \tilde{x}_{it}\beta + \tilde{u}_{it} \quad (3)$$

Finally, we get a consistent estimator of  $\beta$ , denoted by  $\hat{\beta}$ .

$$\hat{\beta} = \left( \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{t=1}^T \tilde{x}_{it} \tilde{x}'_{it} \right)^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{t=1}^T \tilde{x}_{it} \tilde{y}_{it}$$

(8)

$H_0: v_i$  is uncorrelated with  $X_{it}$ .

$H_1: v_i$  is correlated with  $X_{it}$ .

Under  $H_0$ ,  $\tilde{\beta}$  is consistent and efficient. Thus, we should use  $\tilde{\beta}$ . Note that  $\hat{\beta}$  is also consistent and not efficient.

Under  $H_1$ , only  $\hat{\beta}$  is consistent. Thus, we should use  $\hat{\beta}$ .

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We assume that  $u \sim N(0, \sigma^2 I)$ , minimize  $(X - Z\Gamma)'(X - Z\Gamma)$ , we can get

$$\hat{\Gamma} = (Z'Z)^{-1}Z'X$$

$$\hat{X} = Z(Z'Z)^{-1}Z'X$$

Utilizing  $\hat{X}$ , we obtain a consistent estimator  $\beta$ .

$$\hat{\beta} = (\hat{X}'X)^{-1}\hat{X}'y = (X'Z(Z'Z)^{-1}Z'X)^{-1}X'Z(Z'Z)^{-1}Z'y$$

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$$\hat{\beta} = \beta + (X'Z(Z'Z)^{-1}Z'X)^{-1}X'Z(Z'Z)^{-1}Z'u$$

We assume that

$$\frac{1}{n}X'Z \longrightarrow M_{xz} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{1}{n}Z'Z \longrightarrow M_{zz}$$

From the central limit theorem,

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}Z'u \longrightarrow N(0, \sigma^2 M_{zz})$$

Therefore:

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{n}(\hat{\beta} - \beta) &= \left( \left( \frac{1}{n}X'Z \right) \left( \frac{1}{n}Z'Z \right)^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{n}Z'X \right) \right)^{-1} \times \left( \frac{1}{n}X'Z \right) \left( \frac{1}{n}Z'Z \right)^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}Z'u \right) \\ &\longrightarrow N(0, \sigma^2 (M_{xz} M_{zz}^{-1} M'_{xz})^{-1}) \end{aligned}$$